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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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### 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

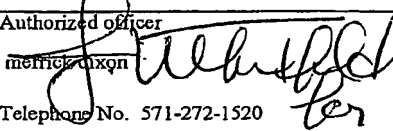
### 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

### 3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**Box No. I Basis of this opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
- ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ on paper
- ☐ in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in electronic form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

**2. Citations and explanations:**

Claims 1-11 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as obvious over Hohman( US 5871604) in view of Saidla(US 4130614)

The cited reference teaches the claimed flexible laminated woven product comprising at least two fiber yarn and a polymeric material bonded therebetween(col 5, lines 40- col 6, line 1; col 11, lines 12-19; col 2, lines 24-46; col 4, lines 11-24; col 4, lines 38-51. concerning claims 2, the reference teaches yarn in col 11, lines 1-18; concerning claim 3, the reference teaches fiberglass in col 12, lines 1-7. concerning claims 4,5 and 9, the reference teaches the claimed limitations in col 3, lines 45-55; col 8, lines 28-44. concerning claims 7,8 and 10, the secondary reference teaches the limitations as claimed in col 6, line 6; col 1, lines 35-40; col 5, lines 44-52.

Claims 12-20 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being obvious over Hohman(US 5871604).

the cited reference teaches the claimed process comprising depositing polymeric material on a surface, heating the material and cooling it thereafter- col 4, lines 52-67; col 5, lines 41; col 4, lines 15-19. concerning claim 13, the reference teaches cutting step in col 6, line 2. concerning claims 14,15 and 20, it is submitted the claimed article limitations do not affect the claimed process in any manipulative sense and thus not given patentable weight. the reference coats in col 2, lines 41-45 as required by claim 19. the reference fills its respective voids in col 3, line 52-56; col 8, lines 39-46.